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SUBJECT: VEHICLE ACCESS TO MOSCOW AIRPORT

REF: MOSCOW 5307

1. THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY FOR ACCESS TO COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT CARRYING DIPLOMATIC POUCHES DOES NOT RPT NOT PROVIDE FOR EMBASSY VEHICLE ACCESS TO AIRCRAFT. DEPARTMENT ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN SOVIET AGREEMENT TO THIS IN 1969 BUT, WHEN FACED WITH SOVIET REFUSAL, FINALLY AGREED TO PROCEDURE FOR USE OF AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE OF SENDING STATE.

2. TEXT OF DEPARTMENT' S MARCH 10, 1969, NOTE ACCEPTING THIS PROCEDURE FOLLOWS:

' THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS THAT IT ACCEPTS THE PROCEDURES FOR TRANSMITTING UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC
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POUCHES AS SET FORTH IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 11 OF FEBRUARY 27, 1969. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE DELIVERY OF SUCH DIPLOMATIC POUCHES FROM THE AIRCRAFT TO THE BAGGAGE ROOM OR FROM THERE TO THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE CARRIED OUT, IF NECESSARY BY USING AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES, UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION OF THE SENDING STATE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONFIRMS THE PROPOSAL SET FORTH IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE OF FEBRUARY 27 THAT THIS AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF THIS NOTE.

3. EARLIER NOTES STATED THAT THE AGREEMENT APPLIED ONLY TO AEROFLOT AND PAN AMERICAN FLIGHTS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND MOSCOW. COPIES OF THE COMPLETE EXCHANGE ON THIS SUBJECT ARE BEING AIR POUCHED. RUSH

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